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Bells of Christmastide: A Celebration of Our Frontline Healthcare Workers.
Information below.



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Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, and New Year. From the City Elected Officials and Employees!

City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 12th at Town Hall

Holiday Changes in Recycle Schedule
City Offices Closed
Thursday, Dec. 24th & Friday, Dec. 25th
NO Recycle Pick Up
Reg. Schedule Rev. Schedule
Dec. 24th Dec. 23rd
Dec. 25th Dec. 23rd
No Yard Waste Pick Up
CITYWIDE Recycle Pick Up on Wed., Dec. 23rd.

City Offices Closed
Friday, Jan. 1st
NO Recycle Pick Up
Reg. Schedule Rev. Schedule
Dec. 31st Dec. 31st
Jan. 1st Dec. 31st
CITYWIDE Recycle Pick Up on Thurs., Dec. 31st.

January is the time to renew your City Business & Rental License's



Now is the time to renew your City of New Castle Business License and Rental Housing Business License.

All business's located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle, must have a current New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must have a current New Castle City Rental Housing Business License, both licenses must be renewed annually in January.

License applications are available at the City Administration Building, located at 220 Delaware Street.

Both licenses are also available and payable online on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov on the Forms & Fees page.



Apply for City Property Tax Exemptions starting January 15th

January 15th begins the new cycle for city residents to apply for the over 65 or disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call the Finance Department at 322-9804.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the maximum. The last day to apply is April 30th.



File now to run in the 2021 City Election!
Seats up for election in 2021 are:

City Council President (4 year term)
Two Council seats (4 year terms)
Candidate filing packets are available at the City office, 220 Delaware Street beginning Monday, January 4th.

December/January Events

Thursday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m.
Bells of Christmastide: A Celebration of Our Frontline Healthcare Workers.

At the Dec. 8th City Council meeting Mayor Quaranta presented a Proclamation proclaiming December 24th as Bells of Christmastide: A Celebration of Our Frontline Healthcare Workers. At 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve, we invite everyone of all faiths to stand in front of your home (properly socially-distanced and with your masks on!) and ring a bell for ten minutes. Whether large, small, or many bells, let's make a joyful noise together to remember all the acts of selfless service to our community and nation of all the dedicated doctors,



nurses, hospital workers, paramedics, EMT's and all first responders who have been with us during the pandemic to help when we need them. You can see the Proclamation on the City Website.

Let's make a joyful noise together to thank these dedicated people!

Christmas Tree Curbside Recycling



After the holidays place your tree curbside. Public Works crews will collect trees and chip the trees as teams are available.

- **DO NOT** block sidewalk
 - **DO NOT** place the tree in street or alley
 - **DO NOT** place tree in bags
- DO** remove tree stands, nails, ornaments, garland, lights, etc.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON**



Due to the resignation of Trustee Henry F. Gambacorta, the Trustees of the New Castle Common will hold an election from January 25, 2021 to February 6, 2021 to fill the vacancy. Interested candidates may file up to 3:00 PM December 24, 2020. Call (302) 322-2809 for information. Qualifications are listed on trusteesncc.org/elections.

DATES: January 25, 2021 to February 6, 2021.

PLACE: Town Hall, 201 Delaware Street

Precautions will be taken in light of the corona virus. Masks are required. Bring proper identification showing your current address and your own pen (pens will be provided as well).

Beginning on January 25, 2021, and ending on February 6, 2021 voting will be conducted at the Trustees' office at 201 Delaware Street. The following schedule will be followed:

Voting Days	Times
Monday, January 25	10AM-3:30PM
Tuesday, January 26	10AM-3:30PM
Wed., January 27	10AM-3:30PM
Thursday, January 28	10AM-3:30PM
Monday, February 1	10AM-3:30PM
Tuesday, February 2	10AM-3:30PM
Wed., February 3	10AM-3:30PM
Thursday, February 4	10AM-3:30PM
Friday, February 5	10AM-8:00PM
Saturday, February 6	8AM-12:00PM

Voters need to be registered on the Trustees' Voter List, and must have proper identification. Voter Registration will be available with documentation (Driver's license and MSC bill). Due to the corona virus, voting will be done outside the office. A mask must be worn, covering your mouth and nose. One voter at a time. A distance of at least six feet will be required between all persons in the voting area. Follow all posted instructions.

Absentee ballots will be available by mail. Mail ballots must be notarized. Call (302) 322-2809 to request that a ballot package be mailed to you. Requests will be taken starting on January 5, 2021, and stopping at end of day on January 27, 2021. Mail in ballots must be returned to the office by 2 p.m. on February 5, 2021.



**Trustee Community
Grant Program**

The Trustees of the New Castle Common have posted the 2021-2022

Grant Application on their Website: www.trusteesncc.org. Organizations within the town of New Castle can apply for grants. The Trustees mission is to manage its resources "for the benefit of the citizens of New Castle." Citizens are defined as the residents of the incorporated area of the City.

If an organization has activities both inside and outside of the New Castle City limits, the Trustees can only support those activities within the City. Information and documentation provided must clearly indicate the location of services provided.

Remember! Your organization must complete and return the "Grant Request Application" to the Trustees of the New Castle Common by December 31, 2020.

Outreach Committee

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes; Complaint forms are available on the City Website, newcastlecity.delaware.gov. or at the City Offices. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

TRASH/RECYCLE & YARD WASTE:

Place trash, yard waste and recycle at the curb the night before your scheduled pick-up day, this will insure your items will be picked up. All garbage is to be secured in plastic bags and placed inside solid containers (metal or plastic), with lids securely in place, each residence may place up to four (4) 35 gallon/50 pounds maximum at the curb for pick-up.



It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of the end of a weather event. If off-street parking is available, please move vehicles to facilitate plowing.

The New Castle City Code, section 209-1: Sidewalks require a minimum 3 feet of clearance within 24 hours of a snow event ending. If you have a neighbor who is unable to do this, think about helping out if you can. Please remember to clear any fire hydrant; this could save crucial minutes in an emergency.